Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-28 (Cancelled)

Claim 29 (Currently amended): A compound of formula I:

$$R^{3}$$
 R^{4}
 R^{5}
 R^{5}
 R^{6}
 R^{7}
 R^{1}
 R^{1}
 R^{1}
 R^{2}

wherein R1 and R2 independently represent

(i) -C₁₋₆ alkyl, -C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl or -C₁₋₃ alkylC₃₋₈ cycloalkyl, or such a group in which alkyl or cycloalkyl is substituted by one or more halogen, -CN, nitro, hydroxy or -OC₁₋₆ alkyl groups;

(ii) -(CH₂)_eAr¹ or -(CH₂)_eOAr¹;

or NR¹R² together represent pyrrolidinyl, piperidinyl, piperazinyl, thiomorpholinyl, morpholinyl or azepinyl, or such a group fused to a benzene ring, optionally substituted by one or more -(CO)_n(CH₂)_tAr¹, -(CO)_nC₁₋₆ alkylAr¹Ar², -(CO)_nC₁₋₆alkyl, -(CH₂)_tOH, -(CH₂)_tO(CH₂)_pOH, -(CH₂)_tOC₁₋₆ alkyl, -O(CH₂)_tAr¹, -(CH₂)_tSO₂Ar¹, piperidin-1-yl, -(CH₂)_tCONR⁸R⁹, -NR¹⁰(CO)_n(CH₂)_tAr¹, -NR¹⁰(CO)_nC₁₋₃alkylC₃₋₆ cycloalkyl, -NR¹⁰(CO)_nC₁₋₆ alkyldiC₃₋₆ cycloalkyl, -CONR¹⁰(CH₂)_tAr¹, halogen, -NHSO₂C₁₋₆alkyl, -SO₂NR¹⁰R¹¹, -SO₂C₁₋₆ alkyl or -SO₂Ar² groups; R³ represents -C₁₋₆alkylNHC(=NH)NH₂, -C₂₋₆alkenylNHC(=NH)NH₂, -C₂₋₆alkenylNHC(=NH)NH₂, -C₁₋₆alkylNR¹⁴R¹⁸, -(CH₂)_hCONR¹⁴R¹⁸, -(CH₂)_hCONR¹⁴R¹⁸, -(CH₂)_dCHNR¹⁸CONR²⁰R²¹, -(CH₂)_mNR¹⁸CONR¹⁴R¹⁸, -(CH₂)_dNR¹⁸Ar³, -(CH₂)_dCONR¹⁸Ar³, -(CH₂)_dCOR¹⁸, -(CH₂)_cAr³, -O(CH₂)_cAr³, -(CH₂)_dCO(CH₂)_s Ar³ or -(CH₂)_dOAr³; or R³ represents -(CH₂)_c-2,4-imidazolidinedione, -(CH₂)_c(morpholin-3-yl) or

-(CH₂)_c(morpholin-2-yl) optionally substituted on nitrogen by -(CO)_tC₁₋₆alkyl,

-(CO) $_{\rm f}$ (CH₂) $_{\rm c}$ Ar² or -C(=NH)NH₂;

or R³ represents -(CH₂)_zdibenzofuran optionally substituted by -C₁₋₆alkyl or halogen; or R³ represents -(CH₂)_c-thioxanthen-9-one;

R⁴ represents hydrogen, -C₁₋₆ alkyl, -C₁₋₃ alkylC₃₋₆ cycloalkyl, -(CH₂)_qAr², -C₁₋₄alkyl-X-R⁷, -C₁₋₄alkyl SO₂C₁₋₄ alkyl, -C₁₋₆alkylNR¹²R¹³ or -C₁₋₆ alkylNR¹²COC₁₋₆ alkyl; R⁵ represents hydrogen, or R⁴R⁵ together with the carbon to which they are attached form a C₅₋₇ cycloalkyl ring;

R⁶ represents hydrogen or -C₁₋₆alkyl, or R⁶ and R⁴-together with the N and C atoms to which they are respectively attached form a pyrrolidine ring;

R⁷ represents hydrogen, -(CH₂)_wNR¹²R¹³, -(CH₂)_aAr² or -(CH₂)_wNR¹²COC₁₋₆ alkyl; R⁸, R⁹, R¹⁶ and R¹⁷ independently represent hydrogen, -C₁₋₆alkyl, -C₃₋₆cycloalkyl, -C₁₋₃alkylC₃₋₆ cycloalkyl, -C₂₋₆alkenyl or NR⁸R⁹ or NR¹⁶R¹⁷ together represents morpholinyl, pyrrolidinyl, piperidinyl, piperazinyl or piperazinyl N-substituted by -C₁₋₆ alkyl, -COphenyl or -SO₂methyl;

 R^{10} , R^{11} , R^{12} , R^{13} , R^{15} , R^{18} , R^{20} and R^{21} independently represent hydrogen or -C₁₋₆alkyl;

R¹⁴, R¹⁹ and R²² independently represent hydrogen, -C₁₋₆alkyl, -C₃₋₆ cycloalkyl or -(CH₂)_x Ar⁴ or NR¹⁴R¹⁸ or NR¹⁵R²² together represents morpholinyl, pyrrolidinyl, piperidinyl, piperazinyl or N-C₁₋₆alkylpiperazinyl;

Ar¹ represents phenyl or a 5 or 6 membered heterocyclic aromatic ring containing 1 to 3 heteroatoms selected from O, N and S optionally substituted by one or more halogen, <u>-C₁₋₆alkyl</u> G₁₋₆alkyl, hydroxy, -OC₁₋₆alkyl, <u>-CF₃ CF₃</u>, nitro, -Ar² or -OAr² groups;

 Ar^2 represents phenyl optionally substituted by one or more halogen, $-C_{1-6}$ alkyl, hydroxy, $-OC_{1-6}$ alkyl, $-CF_3$ or nitro groups;

Ar³ represents phenyl, a 5 or 6 membered heterocyclic aromatic ring containing 1 to 3 heteroatoms selected from O, N or S, or such a group fused to a benzene ring, optionally substituted by one or more -CO(CH₂)_gAr⁴, -(CH₂)_yAr⁴, -(CH₂)_yCOAr⁴, -(CO)_aC₁₋₆ alkyl, -(CO)_aC₂₋₆ alkenyl, -(CO)_aC₂₋₆ alkynyl, -(CO)_aC₃₋₈cycloalkyl, -(CO)_aC₁₋₆haloalkyl, halogen, -COCH₂ CN, -(CH₂)_bNR¹⁶R¹⁷, -(CH₂)_bNHC(=NH)NH₂, -CYNR¹⁶(CO)_aR¹⁷, -(CH₂)_bNR¹⁵COR¹⁹, -(CH₂)_bCONR¹⁵R²²,

-(CH₂)_bNR¹⁵CONR¹⁵R²², -(CH₂)_bCONR¹⁵(CH₂)_jNR¹⁵R²², -(CH₂)_bSO₂NR¹⁵R²², -(CH₂)_bSO₂NR¹⁵COAr², -(CH₂)_bNR¹⁵SO₂R¹⁹, -SO₂R¹⁹, -SOR¹⁹, -(CH₂)₂OH,

-COOR¹⁵, -CHO, -OC₁₋₁₀alkyl, -O(CH₂)_jNR¹⁵R²², -O(CH₂)_jNHC(=NH)NH₂,
-O(CH₂)_bCONR¹⁶R¹⁷, -O(CH₂)_kCOOR¹⁵, -O(CH₂)_jOAr², -O(CH₂)_bAr², 3-phenyl-2pyrazolin-5-one or 4,5-dihydro-3(2H)-pyridazinone groups;
Ar⁴ represents phenyl or a 5 or 6 membered heterocyclic aromatic ring containing 1 to
3 heteroatoms selected from O, N and S optionally substituted by one or more
halogen, -C₁₋₆alkyl, hydroxy, -OC₁₋₆alkyl, -CF₃, nitro or -CONH₂ groups;
X and Y independently represent O or S;
a, f, k, s and n independently represent 0 or 1;
b, c, r, x, y and z independently represent an integer 0 to 2;
d, g and u independently represent 1 or 2;
e, h, q and w independently represent an integer 1 to 3;
j and p independently represents an integer 0 to 4;
t independently represents an integer 0 to 3;
end or salts and or solvates thereof.

Claim 30 (Previously presented): A compound according to claim 29 wherein R⁴ represents -C₁₋₆alkyl, R⁵ represents hydrogen or R⁴R⁵, together with the carbon to which they are attached, forms a cyclohexyl ring, and R⁶ represents hydrogen or methyl.

Claim 31 (Previously presented): A compound according to claim 30 wherein R⁴ represents -C₁₋₆alkyl and R⁵ and R⁶ represent hydrogen.

Claim 32 (Previously presented): A compound according to claim 31 wherein R⁴ represents -CH₂CHMe₂ and R⁵ and R⁶ represent hydrogen.

Claim 33 (Previously presented): A compound according to claim 29 wherein NR¹R² together represents piperidinyl, piperazinyl, thiomorpholinyl, morpholinyl or 1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline optionally substituted by a -(CO)_n (CH₂)_rAr¹, -(CO)_nC₁₋₆alkyl, -(CH₂)_rCONR⁸R⁹, -NR¹⁰(CO)_n(CH₂)_rAr¹, -NR¹⁰(CO)_nC₁₋₃ alkylC₃₋₆ cycloalkyl, -NR¹⁰(CO)_nC₁₋₆ alkyldiC₃₋₆ cycloalkyl, -(CH₂)_rOC₁₋₆ alkyl, -(CH₂)_rO(CH₂)_pOH, piperidin-1-yl, -(CH₂)_rOH or -CONR¹⁰(CH₂)_rAr¹ group.

Claim 34 (Previously presented): A compound according to claim 33 wherein NR^1R^2 together represents morpholinyl or piperazinyl optionally N-substituted by -(CO)_nC₁₋₆ alkyl, piperazinyl N-substituted by -(CO)_n(CH₂)_rAr¹, piperidinyl substituted by -NR¹⁰(CO)_n(CH₂)_rAr¹ or piperidinyl substituted by -(CH₂)_rCONR⁸R⁹.

Claim 35 (Previously presented): A compound according to claim 29 wherein R³ represents -(CH₂)_c-2,4-imidazolidinedione-3-yl, -(CH₂)_c-thioxanthen-9-one-3-yl, -(CH₂)_cAr³, -O(CH₂)_cAr³, -(CH₂)_dOAr³ or -(CH₂)_zdibenzofuran.

Claim 36 (Previously presented): A compound according to claim 35 wherein R³ represents -OCH₂Ar³, -CH₂OAr³ or dibenzofuran.

Claim 37 (Previously presented): A compound according to claim 36 wherein R³ represents -CH₂OAr³.

Claim 38 (Currently amended): A compound according to claim 29 wherein R⁴ and R⁵ have the stereochemical orientation shown in formula (Ia):

$$R^3$$
 R^5
 CO_2H
 R^1
 R^5
 R^6
 R^6
 R^6
 R^6
 R^6
 R^7
 R^1
 R^2

Claim 39 (Currently amended): A compound selected from the group consisting of formula (I) which is:

(2S)-2-[((2S)-2-{[2-(2-Benzoylphenoxy)acetyl]amino}-4-methyl pentanoyl)amino]-3-{4-[(4-[(2-phenylacetyl)amino]-1-piperidinyl)carbonyl) oxy]phenyl}propanoic acid;

(2S)-2-({(2S)-4-Methyl-2-[(2-{[3-(1-piperidinylcarbonyl)-2-naphthyl] oxy}acetyl)amino]pentanoyl}amino)-3-{4-[({4-[(2-phenylacetyl)amino]-1piperidinyl}carbonyl)oxy]phenyl}propanoic acid; (2S)-3-{4-[({4-[(2,2-Dicyclohexylacetyl)amino]-1-piperidinyl}carbonyl) oxy]phenyl}-2-{[(2S)-4-methyl-2-({2-[4-(1-piperidinylcarbonyl)phenoxy]acetyl} amino)pentanoyl]amino}propanoic acid; (2S)-2-{[(2S)-4-Methyl-2-({2-[4-(1-piperidinylcarbonyl)phenoxy] acetyl}amino)pentanoyl]amino}-3-{4-[(4-morpholinylcarbonyl)oxy]phenyl} propanoic acid; (2S)-3-[4-({[4-(Aminocarbonyl)-1-piperidinyl]carbonyl}oxy)phenyl]-2-{[(2S)-4methyl-2-({2-[4-(1-piperidinylcarbonyl)phenoxy]acetyl}amino)pentanoyl] amino) propanoie acid; (2S)-3-{4-[({4-[(2-Cyclohexylacetyl)amino]-1-piperidinyl}carbonyl) oxy]phenyl}-2-[((2S)-2-{[2-(2-iodophenoxy)acetyl]amino}-4-methylpentanoyl) amino]propanoic acid; (2S)-3-{4-[({4-[(2,2-Dicyclohexylacetyl)amino]-1-piperidinyl}carbonyl) oxy]phenyl}-2-[((2S)-2-{[2-(2-iodophenoxy)acetyl]amino}-4-methylpentanoyl) amino]propanoic acid; (2S)-2-({(2S)-2-[(Dibenzo[b,d]furan-4-ylcarbonyl)amino]-4-methyl pentanoyl}amino)-3-{4-[(4-morpholinylcarbonyl)oxy]phenyl}propanoic acid; (2S)-2-({(2S)-2-[(Dibenzo[b,d]furan-4-ylcarbonyl)amino]-4-methyl pentanoyl}amino)-3-{4-[({4-[(2-phenylacetyl)amino]-1-piperidinyl}carbonyl)oxy] phenyl}propanoic acid; (2S)-2-[((2S)-2-{[2-(2-Iodophenoxy)acetyl]amino}-4-methyl pentanoyl)amino]-3-{4-[({4-[(2-phenylacetyl)amino]-1-piperidinyl}carbonyl)oxy] phenyl}propanoic acid; (2S)-3-(4-{[(4-Acetyl-1-piperazinyl)carbonyl]oxy}phenyl)-2-[((2S)-2-{[2-(2iodophenoxy)acetyl]amino}-4-methylpentanoyl)amino]propanoic acid; (2S)-3-(4-{[(4-Benzoyl-1-piperazinyl)carbonyl]oxy}phenyl)-2-[((2S)-2-{[2-(2iodophenoxy)acetyl]amino}-4-methylpentanoyl)amino]propanoic acid; (2S)-3-(4-{[(4-Benzoyl-1-piperazinyl)carbonyl]oxy}phenyl)-2-[((2S)-2-{[2-(2,4dichlorophenoxy)acetyl]amino}-4-methylpentanoyl)amino]propanoic acid; (2S)-3-[4-({[4-(Aminocarbonyl)-1-piperidinyl]carbonyl}oxy)phenyl]-2-[((2S)-2-{[2-

(2-iodophenoxy)acetyl]amino}-4-methylpentanoyl)amino]propanoic acid;

(2S)-2-{[(2S)-2-({2-[2-(Tert-butyl)phenoxy]acetyl}amino)-4-methyl pentanoyl]amino}-3-[4-({[4-(1-piperidinylcarbonyl)-1-piperidinyl]carbonyl}oxy) phenyl]propanoic acid; (2S)-2-[((2S)-4-Methyl-2-{[2-(2-methylphenoxy)acetyl]amino} pentanoyl)amino]-3-[4-({[4-(1-piperidinylcarbonyl)-1-piperidinyl]carbonyl}oxy) phenyl]propanoic acid; (2S)-2-({(2S)-2-[(Dibenzo[b,d]furan-4-ylcarbonyl)amino]-4-methyl pentanoyl}amino)-3-[4-({[4-(1-piperidinylcarbonyl)-1-piperidinyl]carbonyl}oxy) phenyl]propanoic acid; (2S)-2-{[(2S)-2-({2-[(1-Bromo-2-naphthyl)oxy]acetyl}amino)-4methylpentanoyl]amino}-3-[4-({[4-(1-piperidinylcarbonyl)-1-piperidinyl]carbonyl} oxy)phenyl]propanoic acid; $(2S)-2-\{[(2S)-2-(\{2-[2-(Tert-butyl)phenoxy]acetyl\}amino)-4-methyl$ pentanoyl]amino}-3-(4-{[(4-{[(4-fluorobenzyl)amino]carbonyl}-1-piperidinyl) carbonyl]oxy}phenyl)propanoic acid; (2S)-2-[((2S)-2-{[2-(2,4-Dichlorophenoxy)acetyl]amino}-4-methyl pentanoyl)amino]-3-{4-[(4-morpholinylcarbonyl)oxy]phenyl}propanoic acid; (2S)-2-[((2S)-2-{[2-(2-Benzoylphenoxy)acetyl]amino}-4-methyl pentanoyl)amino]-3-{4-[(4-morpholinylcarbonyl)oxy]phenyl}propanoic acid; (2S)-2-[((2S)-4-Methyl-2-{[2-(2-propylphenoxy)acetyl]amino} pentanoyl)amino]-3-{4-[(4-morpholinylcarbonyl)oxy]phenyl}propanoic acid; (2S)-2-{[(2S)-2-({2-[(1-Bromo-2-naphthyl)oxy]acetyl}amino)-4methylpentanoyl]amino}-3-{4-[(4-morpholinylcarbonyl)oxy]phenyl}propanoic acid; (2S)-2-[((2S)-2-{[(Benzyloxy)carbonyl]amino}-4-methylpentanoyl) amino]-3-{4-[(4morpholinylcarbonyl)oxy]phenyl}propanoic acid; (2S)-3-[4-({[4-(2-Furoyl)-1-piperazinyl]carbonyl}oxy)phenyl]-2-[((2S) -2-{[2-(2iodophenoxy)acetyl]amino}-4-methylpentanoyl)amino]propanoic acid; $(2S)-2-[((2S)-2-\{[2-(2-Cyclohexylphenoxy)acetyl]amino\}-4-methyl$ pentanoyl)amino]-3-[4-({[4-(2-furoyl)-1-piperazinyl]carbonyl}oxy)phenyl] propanoic acid; (2S)-2-{[(2S)-2-({2-[(1-Bromo-2-naphthyl)oxy]acetyl}amino)-4methylpentanoyl]amino}-3-[4-({[4-(2-furoyl)-1-piperazinyl]carbonyl}oxy)phenyl] propanoic acid;

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(2S)-3-(4-\{[(4-\{[2-(4-Chlorophenyl)acetyl]amino\}-1-piperidinyl)\})
carbonyl]oxy}phenyl)-2-[((2S)-2-{[2-(2-cyclohexylphenoxy)acetyl]amino}-4-
methylpentanoyl)amino]propanoic acid;
(2S)-2-[((2S)-2-{[2-(2-Benzoylphenoxy)acetyl]amino}-4-methyl pentanoyl)amino]-3-
(4-{[(4-{[2-(4-chlorophenyl)acetyl]amino}-1-piperidinyl)
carbonyl]oxy}phenyl)propanoic acid;
(2S)-3-(4-\{[(4-\{[2-(4-Chlorophenyl)acetyl]amino\}-1-piperidinyl)\}]
carbonyl]oxy}phenyl)-2-[((2S)-2-{[2-(2-iodophenoxy)acetyl]amino}-4-methyl
pentanoyl)amino]propanoic acid;
(2S)-2-\{[(2S)-2-(\{2-[2-(Tert-butyl)phenoxy]acetyl\}amino)-4-methyl\}
pentanoyl]amino}-3-(4-{[(4-{[2-(4-chlorophenyl)acetyl]amino}-1-piperidinyl)
carbonyl]oxy}phenyl)propanoic acid;
(2S)-3-(4-\{[(4-\{[2-(4-Chlorophenyl)acetyl]amino\}-1-piperidinyl)\}]
carbonyl]oxy}phenyl)-2-({(2S)-2-[(dibenzo[b,d]furan-4-ylcarbonyl)amino]-4-
methylpentanoyl}amino)propanoic acid;
(2S)-3-(4-{[(4-{[2-(4-Chlorophenyl)acetyl]amino}-1-piperidinyl)
carbonyl]oxy}phenyl)-2-({(2S)-4-methyl-2-[(2-{[3-(1-piperidinylcarbonyl)-2-
naphthyl]oxy}acetyl)amino]pentanoyl}amino)propanoic acid;
(2S)-2-{[(2S)-2-({2-[2-(Tert-butyl)phenoxy]acetyl}amino)-4-methyl
pentanoyl]amino}-3-{4-{({4-{(2-cyclohexylacetyl)amino}-1-piperidinyl}carbonyl)
oxy]phenyl}propanoic acid;
(2S)-2-\{[(2S)-2-(\{2-[2-(Tert-butyl)phenoxy]acetyl\}amino)-4-methyl
pentanoyl]amino}-3-{4-[({4-[(2,2-dicyclohexylacetyl)amino]-1-piperidinyl}
carbonyl)oxy]phenyl)propanoic acid;
(2S)-2-[((2S)-4-Methyl-2-{[2-(2-methylphenoxy)acetyl]amino} pentanoyl)amino]-3-
{4-[({4-[(2-phenylacetyl)amino]-1-piperidinyl}carbonyl) oxy]phenyl}propanoic acid;
(2S)-2-[((2S)-2-{[2-(2-Cyclohexylphenoxy)acetyl]amino}-4-methyl
pentanoyl)amino]-3-{4-[({4-[(2-phenylacetyl)amino]-1-pipendinyl}carbonyl)
oxy]phenyl}propanoic acid;
(2S)-3-{4-{({4-[(2-Cyclohexylacetyl)amino]-1-piperidinyl}carbonyl) oxy]phenyl}-2-
[((2S)-2-{[2-(2-cyclohexylphenoxy)acetyl]amino}-4-methyl
pentanoyl)amino]propanoic acid;
and salts and solvates thereof.
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Claim 40 (Currently amended): A compound selected from the group consisting of formula (I) which is:

(2S)-2-[((2S)-2-{[2-(2-Iodophenoxy)acetyl]amino}-4-methyl pentanoyl)amino]-3-{4-[(4-morpholinylcarbonyl)oxy]phenyl}propanoic acid;

(2S)-2-{[(2S)-2-({2-[2-(Tert-butyl)phenoxy]acetyl}arnino)-4-methyl

pentanoyl]amino}-3-{4-[(4-morpholinylcarbonyl)oxy]phenyl}propanoic acid; (2S)-3-(4-{[(4-Acetyl-1-piperazinyl)carbonyl]oxy}phenyl)-2-{[(2S)-2-({2-[2-(tert-

butyl)phenoxy]acetyl}amino)-4-methylpentanoyl]amino}propanoic acid;

(2S)-2-[((2S)-2-{[2-(2-Cyclohexylphenoxy)acetyl]amino}-4-methyl

pentanoyl)amino]-3-{4-[(4-morpholinylcarbonyl)oxy]phenyl}propanoic acid;

(2S)-2-{[(2S)-2-({2-[2-(Tert-butyl)phenoxy]acetyl}amino)-4-methyl

pentanoyl]amino}-3-{4-[({4-[(2-phenylacetyl)amino]-1-piperidinyl}carbonyl) oxy] phenyl}propanoic acid;

(2S)-3-(4-{[(4-Benzoyl-1-piperazinyl)carbonyl]oxy}phenyl)-2-{[(2S)-2-({2-[2-(tert-butyl)phenoxy]acetyl}amino)-4-methylpentanoyl]amino}propanoic acid;

 $(2S)-3-(4-\{[(4-Acetyl-I-piperazinyl)carbonyl]oxy\} phenyl)-2-(\{(2S)-2-piperazinyl)carbonyl]oxy\} phenyl)-2-(\{(2S)-2-piperazinyl)carbonyl]oxy$

[(dibenzo[b,d]furan-4-ylcarbonyl)amino]-4-methylpentanoyl}amino)propanoic acid;

(2S)-2-{[(2S)-2-({2-[2-(Tert-butyl)phenoxy]acetyl}amino)-4-methyl pentanoyl]amino}-3-[4-({[4-(2-furoyl)-1-piperazinyl]carbonyl}oxy)phenyl]

propanoic acid;

(2S)-2-({(2S)-2-[(Dibenzo[b,d]furan-4-ylcarbonyl)amino]-4-methyl pentanoyl}amino)-3-[4-({[4-(2-furoyl)-1-piperazinyl]carbonyl}oxy)phenyl] propanoic acid;

(2S)-3-(4-{[(4-Benzoyl-1-piperazinyl)carbonyl]oxy}phenyl)-2-[((2S)-4-methyl-2-{[2-methylphenoxy)acetyl]amino}pentanoyl)amino]propanoic acid;

(2S)-3-(4-{[(4-Benzoyl-1-piperazinyl)carbonyl]oxy}phenyl)-2-({(2S)-2-

[(dibenzo[b,d]furan-4-ylcarbonyl)amino]-4-methylpentanoyl)amino)propanoic acid; and salts and solvates thereof.

Claim 41 (Currently amended): A compound selected from the group consisting of formula (I) which is:

(2S)-3-(4-{[(4-Acetyl-1-piperazinyl)carbonyl]oxy}phenyl)-2-[((2S)-4-methyl-2-{[2-(2-methylphenoxy)acetyl]amino}pentanoyl)amino]propanoic acid;
(2S)-3-[4-({[4-(Aminocarbonyl)-1-piperidinyl]carbonyl}oxy)phenyl]-2-({(2S)-2-[(dibenzo[b,d]furan-4-ylcarbonyl)amino]-4-methylpentanoyl}amino) propanoic acid;
(2S)-3-[4-({[4-(Aminocarbonyl)-1-piperidinyl]carbonyl}oxy)phenyl]-2-{[(2S)-2-({2-(2-(tert-butyl)phenoxy]acetyl}amino)-4-methylpentanoyl]amino} propanoic acid;
(2S)-2-[((2S)-4-Methyl-2-{[2-(2-methylphenoxy)acetyl]amino} pentanoyl)amino]-3-{4-[(4-morpholinylcarbonyl)oxy]phenyl}propanoic acid;
(2S)-3-[4-({[4-(Aminocarbonyl)-1-piperidinyl]carbonyl}oxy)phenyl]-2-[((2S)-2-{[2-(2-benzoylphenoxy)acetyl]amino}-4-methylpentanoyl)amino] propanoic acid;
(2S)-2-{[(2S)-2-({2-[4-(Aminocarbonyl)phenoxy]acetyl}amino)-4-methylpentanoyl]amino}-3-[4-({[4-(aminocarbonyl)-1-piperidinyl]carbonyl}oxy)phenyl]propanoic acid;
and salts and solvates thereof.

Claim 42 (Currently amended): A-compound of formula (I) which is: (2S)-3-[4-({[4-(Aminocarbonyl)-1-piperidinyl]carbonyl}oxy)phenyl]-2-[((2S)-4-methyl-2-{[2-(2-methylphenoxy)acetyl]amino}pentanoyl)amino] propanoic acid or a salt or solvate thereof.

Claim 43 (Currently amended): A compound of formula (I) according to claim 42 which is:

(2S)-3-[4-({[4-(Aminocarbonyl)-1-piperidinyl]carbonyl}oxy)phenyl]-2-[((2S)-4-methyl-2-{[2-(2-methylphenoxy)acetyl]amino}pentanoyl)amino] propanoic acid potassium salt or a solvate thereof.

Claim 44 (Previously presented): A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of formula (I) as defined in claim 29 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof in admixture with one or more pharmaceutically acceptable diluents or carriers.

Claim 45 (Previously presented): A pharmaccutical composition comprising a compound of formula (I) according to claim 29 or a physiologically acceptable salt or solvate thereof in combination tegether with a long acting β_2 adrenergic receptor agonist.

Claims 46 and 47 (Cancelled)

Claim 48 (Currently amended): A process for preparation of a compound of formula

(I) as defined in according to claim 29 which comprises:

(a) hydrolyzing hydrolysis of a carboxylic acid ester of formula (II)

wherein R¹, R², R³, R⁴, R⁵ and R⁶ are as defined in claim29 and R is a group capable of forming a carboxylic acid ester; or

(b) deprotecting a compound according to claim 29 of formula (1) which is protected.

Claims 49-55 (Cancelled)

Claim 56 (New): A method of inhibiting eosinophil infiltration into the lungs of a patient comprising administering an effective amount of a compound of claim 29 to a patient in need thereof.

Claim 57 (New): A method of antagonizing VLA-4 comprising administering an effective amount of a compound of claim 29 to a patient in need thereof.